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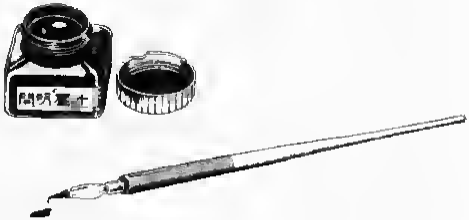
What is a mother to her daughter?

What is a daughter to her mother?

and...

What will a mother give to her daughter?



ALRIGHT! NOW WE'RE ZOOMING IN, LAUGH LIGHTLY.
BEAUTI-FUL! CUT!
HE HE HE!

EXCUSE ME! PLEASE SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!
LIKE THIS?
SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!
SO MISS, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS MOVIE PROJECT YOU'RE WORKING ON?
KATCHA!
CLICK!
CLACK!
CREAK!
SHOOSHIZUMI
PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM
SHOOSHIZUMI
PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM

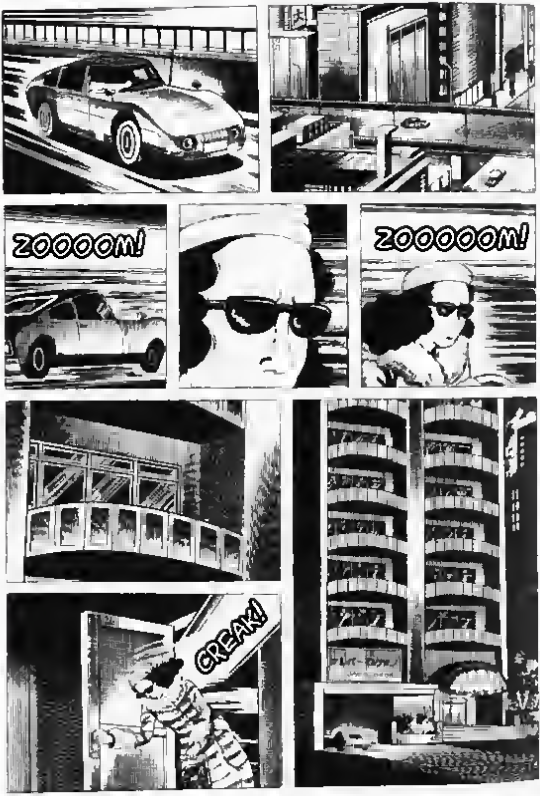
КАТСНН!

MAKEUP
REMOVER

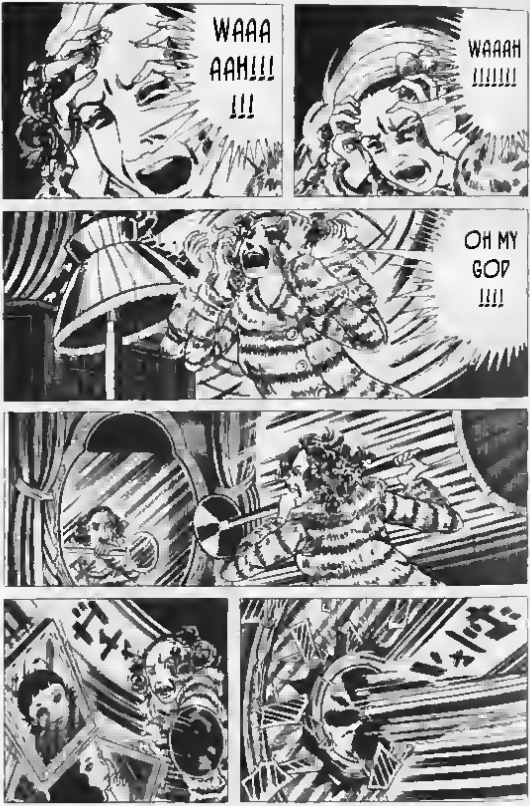
KNOCK KNOCK
MISS IZUMI!
SHOCHI IZUMI
PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM

AL...ALRIGHT! I'M JUST FRESHENING UP I'LL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES!
THE RAINBOW FAMILY'S PREMIER IS ABOUT TO START, EVERYONE'S ALREADY HERE, THEY ARE WAITING FOR YOU NOW, MISS IZUMI.
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
CREAK!
SHOOH IZUMI
PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM
SHOOH IZUMI
PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM

化粧室
WRINKLES
IT'S NOT OBVIOUS BUT... I SEE THEM.
I'M NOT FEELING WELL, I'M GOING HOME. PLEASE TELL THE DIRECTOR FOR ME.


ZOOOOM!
ZOOOOOM!
CREAK!

EH?
WHY?
YOU CAN GO HOME NOW
MISS, YOU'RE BACK
V..YES MISS.
I'M VERY TIRED AND I WISH TO BE ALONE. PLEASE LEAVE.
KATCHI
WAAAAAAAA HHHHHHH !!!!!


WAAA AAH!!! !!!
WAAAH !!!!!!!
OH MY GOD !!!!
*GLASS BREAKING

PLEASE GIVE ME BACK MY BEAUTY AND MY YOUTH!!!
DEAR GOD!!!
MY FACE !!!
AND THIS HIDEOUS FACE!!!
WHY DID YOU TAKE AWAY THE THING I LOVE MOST?!
WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING TO ME?!!!
WAAA AAH~

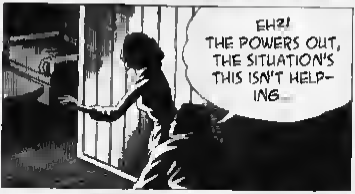
RIGHT!
DOCTOR? I NEED TO SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY, PLEASE!
HELLO, HELLO ?
CLICK!
YOU MUST... YOU MUST COME— GOOD GOOD SEE YOU SOON...
NO— NO... I MUST SEE YOU RIGHT NOW...
GOGO--
*THUNDER

CLACK!
CLACK!
CLACK CLACK!
IS THAT YOU?
DOCTOR?
CLACK!
CREAK!
KNOCK!
CREEAAK!

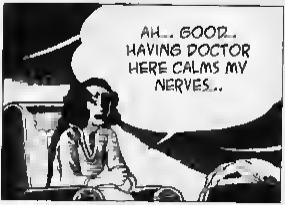
HOW I WANTED TO SEE YOU!

DOCT OR!

I'M SO SORRY, BUT I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, MISS.


EH?! THE POWERS OUT, THE SITUATION'S THIS ISN'T HELP-ING...

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME.


AH... GOOD.. HAVING DOCTOR HERE CALMS MY NERVES..

ALRIGHT. TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.

AND ASTONISHINGLY BEAUTIFUL TOO...
A CHILD STAR FULL OF CHARM AND TALENT.
WE GO BACK A LONG WAY I'VE BEEN YOUR DOCTOR EVER SINCE YOU WERE A LITTLE GIRL.
OF COURSE I REMEMBER! DOCTOR! IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN WHAT TO DO!
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU FELL ILL TO A BAD FEVER
YOU WORRIED ABOUT AGING WHEN YOU WERE A TEENAGER, REMEMBER?
DOCTOR! LOOK AT MY FACE!
PLEASE DOCTOR! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! YOUR SOOTHING WORDS CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH...
AND THIS MOLE !!!
THESE WRINKLES!!!
LOOK AT ME!
FLICK!

I'M GOING CRAZY!
IN ORDER TO HIDE THEM, I NEED TO PUT ON SO MUCH MAKE UP!
IT'S GETTING WORSE EVERY DAY!!!
WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?
YOU POOR THING...
I HAVE NEVER DATED NEVER DARED TO GO NEAR ANYONE!
I HAVE A SOLUTION TO YOUR PROBLEM...
CALM DOWN, AND LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY...
DOC TOR!
ALRIGHT, I'LL BE GOING NOW.
OH DOCTOR! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!!!
SO THE DOCTOR AND MISS IZUMI TALKED FOR A WHOLE NIGHT ABOUT WHAT, NO ONE KNEW...

WHAT ?!
ANYONE WHO HEARD THE NEWS WAS SHOCKED...
SHE HAS CALMED DOWN, AND ADMITTED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE A CHILD OF HER OWN, WITH A GORGEOUS SMILE
Beautiful Movie Star's Scandal!
Who is her secret lover?
A WHILE LATER, SOME CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN MISS IZUMI WITH A HANDSOME MAN
SHE WAS ECSTATIC AND NEVER LEFT HER BABY'S SIDE
A YEAR LATER, SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE GIRL.
BEAUTIFUL IZUMI'S BASTARD SON
WHO IS THE FATHER?
I JUST WANT A CHILD OF MY OWN... THE FATHER IS NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW. I CAN MANAGE PERFECTLY FINE
WHENEVER THE QUESTION OF THE BABY'S FATHER ARISES, SHE QUICKLY BRUSHES IT OFF

SHE [illegible] APARTMENT EMPTY
ONE DAY WHEN THE MAID CAME TO DO THE USUAL MORNING CLEAN UP
SHE WITHDREW FROM THE FILMING CAREER
NEWS OF HER DISAPPEARANCE BAWLED ON EVERY NEWSPAPER IN JAPAN
MISS IZUMI [illegible] WITH HER [illegible] NO ONE [illegible] THE [illegible]
TIME PASSES BY SWIFTLY DAY BY DAY...
BUT THE JOY MISS IZUMI BROUGHT TO THE WORLD WILL LIVE ON
RIGHT AWAY, MA'AM
I'D LIKE TO BUY SOME FISH, PLEASE
EXCUSE ME, SIR

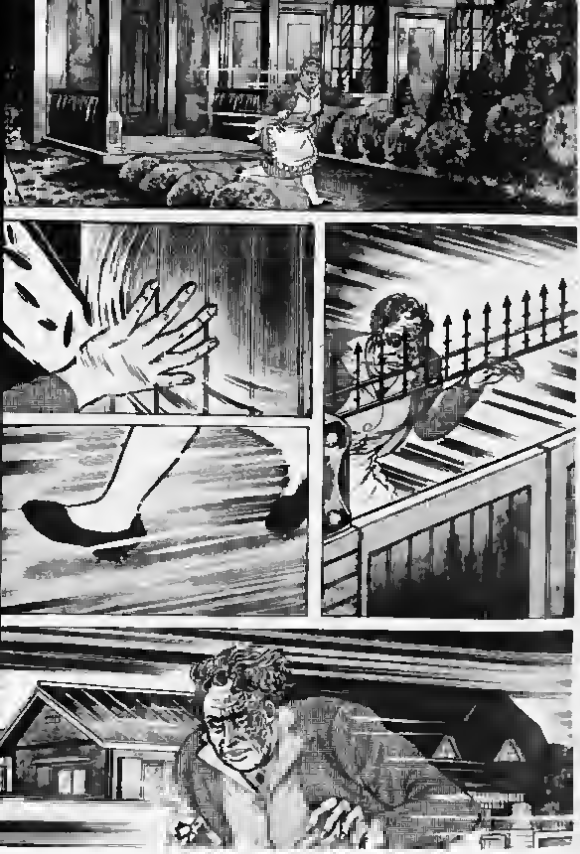
PLEASE COME AGAIN!
IT LOOKS SO YUMMY! MY DAUGHTER WILL LOVE IT! THANK YOU.
THERE YOU GO!
SHE'S A RETIRED OLD LADY WHO LIVES WITH HER DAUGHTER ON ONE OF THOSE HOUSES UP HILL. THEY SEEM TO LOVE EACH OTHER VERY MUCH
WHO WAS THAT Z
YOU'RE BACK!
上原
WHAT?!
NO, NO, SWEETIE. DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE TO LEAVE THOSE TO MOMMY? DISHWATER IS SO BAD FOR YOUR SKIN!
I'M DOING THE DISHES!
YEAH! I CAME HOME RIGHT AWAY AFTER SCHOOL TODAY
YOU'RE HOME ALREADY, SAKURA?

WHAT?! YOU MUST DRINK MILK TO GET SOFT BEAUTIFUL SKIN!
I DON'T WANT TO DRINK IT.
NEVERMIND. DID YOU DRINK THE MILK TODAY?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? JUST LOOK AT MOMMY!
WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE BEAUTIFUL?
YOU MUST GROW UP TO BE BEAUTIFUL!
I CAN'T GET MARRIED.. BUT I WANTED A CHILD SO BADLY.. I WAS SO DESPERATE I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOUR FATHER WAS..
THIS BIRTHMARK HAS TORTURED MOMMY EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL. I HAD CAREFULLY HIDE IT EVERYDAY..
DON'T WORRY, MOMMY, I UNDERSTAND. I'LL LISTEN TO YOU FROM NOW ON.
MY SAKURA... YOU'RE THE REASON I'M LIVING, RIGHT NOW... I JUST WANT YOU TO GROW UP TO BE BEAUTIFUL...
IT'S OKAY MOMMY, I DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE

AHHH !!!!
I WANT TO EXERCISE AND BE HEALTHY INSTEAD
'LL GROW UP REALLY SOON. PRETTY OR NOT, I DON'T REALLY CARE.
W-WHAT'S WRONG, MOMMY?
I WAS PLAYING BASE-BALL WITH YOSHIKO... AND SHE ACCIDEN-TALLY HIT ME.
H-HOW... DID YOU GET THIS BRUISE ON YOUR HEAD?
YES BUT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT..
WHAT?! YOSHIKO DARED TO HURT YOUR FACE?!

YOSHIKO BRUISED MY SAKURA'S FACE..
...THAT BRUISE.
AH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
MOMMY?!
MOMMY!! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

MOMMY !!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!



GRRR
...
PLEASE STOP, MOMMY!!!

YOSHIKO

PAT!

WHO IS IT?

AAHH!!!

AH!
ERNNG~
!!!!
KYAAA
!!!
SLAP!
HOW DARE YOU HURT MY BABY SAKURA'S FACE!!!

SMACK!
SMACK!
YOSHIKO !!!
WAAAH !!!
KYAAA!
SMACK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SMACK!
SLAP!

MOMMY !!!
PLEASE STOP MOMMY !!!
STOP IT!!!
PLEASE STOP!!!
AAAH!!! AAH!!!
STOP IT!!!!!
MOMMY !!!
STOP !!!!

AAAAH!!!!
AAHHH!!
AAAAH!!!!!
YO-SHIKO !!!
WAAH~!!! MAMA~!!
DON'T WORRY MAMA'S HERE FOR YOU
YO-SHIKO!!!
END OF CHAPTER!!
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